

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA) today issued the following statement after the Supreme Court upheld key provisions of President Obama's health care law, but also deemed it a tax increase:

"Today, the Supreme Court ruled that President Obama's health care law can be considered constitutional only if it is understood to violate the President's repeated promise that he would not raise taxes on middle-income Americans. Although I continue to believe that the Democrats' health care law exceeds Congress's constitutional authority and am disappointed that the Court has allowed it to stand, nothing in the Court's ruling suspends the laws of math or makes the law any more affordable or sustainable. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the health care law is now expected to cost \$1.8 trillion over the next 10 years. Due to perverse incentives in the law, independent analyses estimate that many employers will find it cheaper to pay the fine than to continue providing insurance for their employees. As a result, millions of American workers could lose the coverage they have and like, breaking another of the President's pledges. This is an incremental step to a complete government takeover of health care. If you prize the efficiency of the Department of Motor Vehicles, you will love healthcare under the Democrat law.

"The Supreme Court's ruling makes it clear that it is up to the people's elected representatives to overturn this bad law. House Republicans believe the solution to our health care challenges lies in putting patients in control instead of insurance companies or government bureaucrats, and I remain committed to fully repealing this bad law and replacing it with reforms that reduce costs and make health care more affordable without expanding the size of government."